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In re Application of Confirmation No.: 5275  
Sergei Mikhailovich Safronov et al Art Unit: 3714  
S. N. 09/601,913 Examiner: Rada, Alex P.  
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For: METHOD FOR PLAYING A SPACE GAME AND DEVICES FOR REALIZING  
THIS METHOD

DECLARATION OF PERSON OF SKILL IN THE ART  
THAT ONE WOULD BE ABLE TO PRACTICE THE INVENTION BASED ON THE  
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Sir:

I, Roman I. Yakimenko, Ph.D, Engineering, Head of Division, Federal Space Agency, Russia, make the following statement related to the above-referenced patent application. I have reviewed the specification and claims of the application as filed and as submitted in the Response to Office action submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 11, 2008, and a draft of the response to the office action of December 17, 2008, and make the following statement.

My experience and background in this field are illustrated by my Curriculum Vitae, a copy of which is attached.

I am interested in applications of achievements of space science to the economics and consider the subject matter of the application as a good example of such application. It seems to be the first published proposal to use a natural stochastic process going in the near Earth space for generation of random numbers in the gambling industry. I believe that the applied generator is quite original but simultaneously it is obvious for me how to arrange a space game using this generator following procedures of roulette or lottery. The key feature is the separate gaming fields. If it is arranged so that the number of gaming fields onboard a spacecraft equals to the number of the roulette gaming fields, unambiguous correspondence between the space gaming fields and roulette gaming fields is established, it is agreed that a collision of a space particle with a gaming field corresponds to a drop out of a ball on a roulette field, then there would be no substantial difference between the two games. The same may be said about the lottery. If it is arranged that the number of gaming fields onboard a spacecraft equals to the number of the balls in the lottery drum, unambiguous correspondence between the space gaming fields and lottery balls is established, it is agreed that a collision of a space particle with a gaming field corresponds to a drop out of a ball from the lottery drum, then it is clear how to arrange a space game following the procedure of lottery.

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Declaration

I, the undersigned, make the above declaration being warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. §1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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15.04.2009  
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